

WOMEN VOTE THAT MORAL WINS.

Rather Unusual Debate in a Fashionable Hotel.

MINERVA CLUB MEETING.

How Does History Show the Power of Good and Bad Women?

PRAISE FOR GEORGE SAND.

Nevertheless the Majority of the Club Members Declare Against Indorsing Her Principles.

The Minerva Club, composed, as one of its members, Mrs. Louis H. Burr, said, of "Sisters of Minerva," the goddess whose very name is a synonym for lofty purity and nobility of mind and soul," considered the question at its meeting, in the Hotel Majestic, yesterday, whether moral or immoral women have been most influential in making history.

Mrs. Burr read a paper showing the part good women have played in the history of the world, and Mrs. G. Lenox Curtis told how bad women have helped mold events. "This question is as old as time—it is the struggle of the centuries, between Eve, the God-given mother woman, and Lilith, who stands beyond the wall and looks with malevolent, yet longing eyes, at the happiness that cannot be hers," said Mrs. Burr. "If we look superficially into the past our first verdict will undoubtedly be in favor of Lilith, as we survey the numerous army of her daughters from Jezebel to Pompadour. This is only natural—notoriety is the regular consequence of sin.

"All along the shores of the past stand hideous examples of the perverting power of wicked women," continued Mrs. Burr, who cited Cleopatra, squandering her lover's life; Catherine de Medici, Lucretia Borgia, Montespan, Du Barry and Pompadour. "But," she said, "behind the crafty Medici stand the married maid of Orleans and Jeanne d'Albret, the heroic mother of Henry of Navarre. Behind Cleopatra, Octavia, the faithful wife and mother. Good women are not unseen in history. Far from it. It is simply that the world does not see them. There is a baser element in some of the lives of women, but to gratify its degraded tastes and to lead its own meagre virtues at the price of another's shame. Bad women have almost always been known for their own sakes; good women are usually known for their influence working through husband or son.

Referring to Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Curtis first mentioned Mme. de Staël, and asked: "What can we say of Corneille and Desprez? Corneille, especially, one of the books so frequently placed in the hands of the English student in French—does she not in Corneille represent virtue as very dull and doubtful? Who will deny the influence of George Sand? Realizing her marriage was not one of love, and believing that the essential condition of marriage is love and natural fitness, she broke asunder the bonds that bound her to her husband and lived alone, a free woman. Justin McCarty, who was married to a woman who was a woman, the principle that woman is not made for man in any other sense than man made for woman. For the first time in the history of the world, woman was not as woman, not as the servant, the satellite, the pupil, the plaything of the goddess of man.

"She is assuredly the greatest champion of woman's rights in one sense that the world has ever seen, and she is on the other hand the one woman out of all the world who has been most commonly pointed to as the appalling example, to frighten doubtful and fluttering women back into its sheep fold of submission and conventionalism. "I cannot but realize it may appear to some of our ladies," continued Mrs. Curtis, "that I take a pessimistic view of woman's moral power and perchance of woman's morality. Such an inference you will permit me at once to disabuse, for that would not be in accord with my motto, 'Woman's duty to woman.' I say with Mrs. Poy-Love, in Adam Bede, 'I'm not denyin' women are foolish; God Almighty made 'em to match men.' "At the conclusion of the paper, Mrs. Howard Macnutt, the president, asked the "Sisters of Minerva" to express their opinion of the question under discussion by a rising vote. The majority voted that the moral woman had been most influential in making history.

Noted Men in the News.

Captain G. B. Davis, of the Commissary Department at Washington, has received from Captain Charles Read, of the U. S. Army, a paper weight made of metal from the four Spanish cruisers destroyed at Manila.

General Miles left Washington yesterday for Philadelphia after completing the draft of the army reorganization bill.

All day yesterday Speaker Reed's rooms were thronged with Republicans and friends of the committee.

Senator Mark Hanna, upon arrival in Washington, went direct to the White House and talked with President McKinley about patronage. The publication of the long-promised report on the operations of the civil service rules, may now be expected.

The administration is such that about thirty or forty men and women in each of the departments, most of whom he never saw, claim relationship with him, fondly hoping this to be safe from disturbance.

General Shafter called on the President at the White House Sunday night to pay his respects.

To-day's Society Happenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay will give a dinner to-night at their home, No. 12 West Thirty-sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Emery will entertain a number of friends at dinner to-night.

Mrs. Frank Scott Gervill, of No. 17, East Seventy-sixth street, will give a tea this afternoon.

Miss Olivia Maxwell will be brought out at a dinner to-day to-day by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell, at their home, No. 7 East Seventy-fourth street.

A fair will be held this and to-morrow afternoon at the Waldorf under fashionable patronage for the benefit of the Home for the Destitute Blind.

Miss Susan Butler will shortly be presented at a tea to be given by her mother, Mrs. Prescott Hall Butler, at her home, Park avenue and Thirty-fifth street.

The wedding of Francis Stevens, of the Castle Point, Brooklyn, family, and Miss Helen Adams, take place to-day at the bride's home in Baltimore.

Mr. J. D. Dunham, of No. 10, West Seventy-first street, will give an elaborate luncheon for his daughter, Miss Eleanor F. Dunham, to-day at the Waldorf.

The wedding of Miss Georgiana Heermance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Heermance, will take place to-day at the bride's home, 8-10th street, in the First Presbyterian Church, at 10 o'clock. The bridegroom is a son of the late Colonel Adams, United States Army.

The climax of modern civilization will be reached next Sunday, when you will all be able to buy the Christmas number of the Sunday Journal for five cents. It is a library and a picture gallery, combined with a newspaper.

Read the "Wants." Read the "Wants." Read the "Wants."

MRS. JACK WILMERDING TO GO ENTIRELY FREE.



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Justice Keogh Decides as Bloomingdale Is Not a State Asylum She Will Not Be Merely Paroled.

Mrs. "Jack" Wilmerding has not yet been released from Bloomingdale, but it seems certain that she will be set free to-day. It is the mere formality of the signing of an order of release that stands between her and an open door.

The report of the Commissioners—Dr. Charles E. Macdonald, Dr. Ernest Schmidt and Eugene B. Travis—which was approved yesterday by Justice Keogh, says:

Mrs. F. Wilmerding is not fully recovered, although it believes that the improvement in her mental condition has progressed to a degree which renders her detention in Bloomingdale no longer necessary, and it would therefore respectfully recommend that she be released on parole, pursuant to the statute, and the regulations thereunder, in such case made and provided, thus affording her an opportunity to demonstrate the capacity for self-control which she feels she now possesses.

Following this report, Attorney Louis P. Levy, for Mrs. Wilmerding, appeared in the Supreme Court at White Plains and moved for her discharge from the asylum.

COL. BRYAN BACK INTO CAMP AGAIN. PIGEON-HOLED.

Rejoins His Third Nebraska Regiment Near Savannah, Ga.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 5.—Colonel William J. Bryan, of the Third Nebraska Regiment, returned here last night after an absence of several weeks. He was met at the Central Depot by his regiment and also a large number of his friends and admirers and escorted to the camp, about two miles west of the city.

Lieutenant-Colonel Virginius welcomed Colonel Bryan back in a speech full of enthusiasm. He said the Colonel was universally liked by the men, and that his return was an inspiration to them. The Colonel responded feelingly. Colonel Bryan was asked when he expected to leave for Cuba.

"Soon, I presume," was the reply. "But I have ceased to anticipate. We have expected orders of one kind or another several times, and found our expectations never based. We now wait for the event to occur before prophesying."

As he has consistently done since he entered the army, the Nebraska soldier refused to discuss politics. Beyond stating that he arrived home in time to vote he would make no comments on the election.

While he may chat over political matters with his personal friends here or elsewhere, then, he is no politician in camp. To all visitors he is the same affable, plumed with the interest shown in his regiment, and willing to do whatever is in his power to make their stay in his camp pleasant. The camp does not suffer by comparison with that of any other regiments. It is a model of cleanliness and good discipline. At the same time there is no unnecessary exhibition of military red-tape.

"That's one reason why we are fond of the camp," said a soldier. "It's just the same as home. The fact that he wears a colonel's stripes and we are privates has not created a gulf between us. If one of the boys wants anything or feels that he would like a little advice about a private matter, he does not hesitate to go to the Colonel."

Colonel Bryan's headquarters are as comfortable as a sit is possible to make a tent. With a stiff cold wind blowing that, he said, seemed like a reminder from home. It was cozy. "The boys take good care of me," is his explanation.

In one of the pigeonholes in the Colonel's desk can be seen a leather-back, gilt-edged book of modest proportions. The soldiers say that it is a Bible, and they add that the Colonel is not infrequently seen reading it.

When the case of former Police Captain Anthony S. Woods against former Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, was called in the Queens County Supreme Court yesterday, counsel for Gleason stated that he was unable to appear on account of illness to attend. The case was held over until tomorrow, when a physician will report on Gleason's illness.

Gleason Too Ill to Attend Court.

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By Dr. Cyrus Edson. Take eight hours' sleep. Don't make it seven or seven and a half, but get the full eight.

On arising take a cold bath. This hardens the body and wards off cold and weakness. If you are too delicate for the cold bath, take massage treatment. If you can't afford a masseur, have the body well rubbed down.

Avoid excessive eating or drinking and keep free from excitement. If your physical health is good you may defy the grip.

Keep your feet dry and warm. Avoid late hours. Eat regularly. Don't go too long without food.

Hygiene is common sense applied to your mode of life. Be hygienic. Don't worry. If you catch cold, nurse it.

There is a bad epidemic of the grip in New York. The accumulation of snow and slush upon the streets and wet feet is mainly responsible for the spread of the disease, though the general atmospheric conditions are most favorable, not only for influenza, but for every other brand of "weather disease."

No report of grip cases is made to the Board of Health, but Dr. Roger S. Tracey, the Registrar, says he has had many reports showing the disease is prevalent. Dr. Guilford, of the Board, reported that several members of his own family are suffering from it.

Dr. Cyrus Edson says the grip is epidemic. He had eleven cases in his private practice on Sunday, and more yesterday. "It is not as serious as during the epidemic years," he added, "though the cases are as numerous as I ever knew them to be. The disease seems to run its course in three days, and in some cases in twenty-four hours. The best thing in the treatment of this affliction consists in prevention. Don't get the grip. You won't have it if your general health is good, and you can keep your self in proper condition by care in diet, care in getting enough sleep, and care in keeping dry and refraining from exposure."

"The early closing movement in society advocated by several social leaders is a bad thing for the grip. The spread of the disease is kept up by late hours, physical wet, cut off sleep, overwork, physical and mentally, drink or play or work too much."

"People in good bodily state need not be afraid. They don't catch either contagious or infectious diseases."

"It is a good idea to take a cold bath on getting up in the morning. It hardens the body and keeps one from catching cold. It prevents many cases of grip."

Dr. Tracey, of the Board of Health, said that he did not anticipate any increase in the death rate.

"The grip seems to have run its course," he said, "and is not to be feared nearly as much as during previous years. As far as health authorities know the grip is epidemic in the Yellow River Valley in China. That's where the supply comes from. It has travelled all around the world the last time and went back to the Yellow River, where it was identified as the local marsh fever of that region. Boards of Health haven't much say in China now, and until they have the grip, germ factory there will run on full time."

Will Run His Cars to Spite Public.

President Johnson, of the Nassau System, has His Dander Up.

President Albert L. Johnson, of the Nassau Railroad Company, declared yesterday that he would continue to run the side door cars in spite of the protests of the people or in defiance of any ordinance which the Municipal Assembly may adopt. Only a Court of Appeals decision, he says, can compel him to take the cars off.

Mr. Johnson returned from Europe on Saturday. His return, he says, was hastened by the news that "some one was trying to steal the Nassau system."

It is known that a number of stockholders of stock in the Nassau have sold to the Brooklyn Heights.

Attorney-General Hancock is not here. Not one of his assistants knows anything of his intentions. That he will take the preliminary steps in the prosecution of the accused officials is likely. It is customary for a new Attorney-General to employ the one he succeeds in any important case that is pending. It will be a simple matter to push the case against Aldridge and Adams a few steps. This will make it a pending case, and the rule being followed, a fat fee from the State's coffers will drop into Hancock's hands.

Neither the abstract of the commission appointed by Governor Black, nor Lawyer Countryman's report will be used as the basis of prosecution. Both of these documents plainly charge fraud.

Mr. Countryman, in all probability, will have no further share in the matter. It is doubtful if he desires to bother with it again.

There is a visible lack of cordiality in the relations between Governor Black and the staff of the Attorney-General. The Governor has not tried to conceal his feelings toward the Law Department. He proceeded against the canal ring without notifying the Attorney-General. Therefore nobody in the Attorney-General's office is worrying about what the Governor wants.

A hasty preparation of the case, while the Grand Jury and all of the prosecuting attorneys are Republicans, might benefit Aldridge and Adams. The incoming Attorney-General is a Democrat. He will have a legal right to aid in the prosecution. He may not have much to say, but he will get far enough into it to keep the public informed as to the facts.

It looks now as if the prosecution would cost \$25,000 at least.

Fifteen Years for a Fraud Lawyer.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 5.—A sentence of fifteen years in the New Jersey State prison was imposed today by Judge Woodruff on H. Leroy Applegate, the Trenton lawyer, who defrauded a number of people out of \$15,000 by issuing fraudulent mortgages.

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